(b) whether the CPWD has approached DESU or any other agency to improve the quality of internal wiring to sustain the load of Air-Conditioners;

(c) whether the department propose to permit the residents to privately upgrade the extension wiring from distribution board so that it is not hazardous to use Air Conditioners; and

(d) whether the residents are suffering due to lack of suitable actions taken by the CPWD authorities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) CPWD have not been given any instructions. In a particular type of accommodation wiring provided is as per norms which have been adopted uniformly for all the residents of that particular type. Within the norms to improve the quality of internal wiring is within the purview of the CPWD.

(c) It is not feasible to authorise individual residents to make additions and alterations in the existing wiring system. No specific demand has been received by the CPWD for installation of air-conditioners from the residents.

(d) Since the colony is being maintained by the CPWD as a deposit work, decision in the matter has to be taken by the Department, which is owning the colony, namely the Employees Provident Fund Organisation.

Fire in Jhuggi Clusters in Delhi

1556. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is alarming rise in the number of fires in jhuggi clusters in Delhi posing serious problems;

(b) if so, what was the number of jhuggi cluster fires in 1991 as compared to the fire incidents in 1990;

(c) what is the number of persons killed in jhuggi fires in 1991 as compared to the number of deaths caused due to fire in 1990;

(d) what is the estimated number of jhuggi cluster dwellers affected by the fires in 1991 as against the persons affected in 1990;

(e) what are the main causes identified for the frequent fires in jhuggi clusters in Delhi;

(f) what is the nature of the copensation given by Government to the affected families; and

(g) what are the reasons identified for failure of the administration to prevent the growth of unauthorised jhuggi clusters in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (g) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

मंत्रियों के कोटे के अन्तर्गत सरकारी आवासों का आवंटन

1557. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव :** क्या शहरी विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मंत्रियों के कोटे के सरकारी आवास "पोस्ट एटेच्ड" आधार पर आवंटित किये जाते हैं या प्राथमिकता के आधार पर किए जाते हैं ;

(ख) क्या सरकार मंत्री के निजी स्टाफ से आवंटिती के स्थानान्तरित होकर सम्पदा निदेशालय के सामान्य पूल आवास के पात्र किसी अन्य कार्यालय में चले जाने पर मंत्रियों के कोटे से आवंटित आवास को खाली करा लेती है; और

(ग) उन मामलों में कौन से नियम लागू होते हैं जहां मंत्री कोटे से आवास का आवंटिति व्यक्ति किसी ऐसे कार्यालय में स्थानांतरित कर दिया जाता है जो सम्पदा निदेशालय के अन्तर्गत

सामान्य पूल से आवास आवंटन के योग्य नहीं है ?

शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० अरुणाचलम) : (क) मंत्रियों के कोटे से संबंधित सरकार वास तदर्थ आधार पर प्रथम उपलब्ध रिक्ति आधार पर आवंटित किया जाता है ।

(ख) जी, नहीं ।

(ग) ऐसे आवंटितियों को 2 महीने की अनुज्ञेय क्वार्टर रखने की अवधि के पश्चात वास को खाली करना होता है ।

Fire in Nirmal Towers in Delhi

1558. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a fire accident occurred in the Nirmal Towers, a high-rise building in Connaught Place area, in the night of Tuesday, April 7th-8th 1992;

(b) whether this was the third big fire in the high-rise building complexes in the Central part of New Delhi, starting with Akashdeep followed by Himalaya House fire in the area;

(c) whether there was any element common to all those fires; if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) what steps have been taken/being taken to prevent recurrence of such fires ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There have been five major outbreaks of fire in the high-rise building complexes in the central part of New Delhi.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) According to the Chief Fire Officer, Delhi Fire Service, owners/occupiers of unsafe high-rise buildings built prior to the Delhi Fire Prevention & Fire Safety Act, 1986, coming into force, have been directed to provide for the necessary fire safety requirements. A large number of such unsafe high-rise complexes have complied with the directions, and have now been declared as safe. Action for ensuring compliance for the remaining buildings, is being taken by the Delhi Fire Service under the Act. High-rise building built or proposed to be built after 1986, are not cleared from fire safety angle unless the requisite steps for fire prevention are taken.

निजी क्षेत्र द्वारा दिल्ली में मकानों का निर्माण

1559. **श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल** : क्या **शहरी विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार दिल्ली में मकान बनाने का कार्य निजी क्षेत्र को सौंपने के बारे में विचार कर रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० अरुणाचलम) : (क) से (ग) यह मामला सरकार के विचाराधीन है और इस स्तर पर ब्यौरों का अध्ययन करना असामयिक होगा ।

दिल्ली में अनधिकृत कालोनियां

1560. **श्री कपिल वर्मा :**

श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा :

क्या **शहरी विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली में बहुत सी अनधिकृत कालोनियां हैं;